

PRICE RIVER WATER USERS ADJUDICATION MEETING

Held: February 5, 1958 - 10:00 A.M.
Price, Utah

State Engineer, Wayne Criddle, called the meeting to order. First order of business: Mr. Criddle read the call for the meeting. Mr. Criddle explained the various changes made in the State Engineer's office in the past year. He stated that one division was headed under water rights which deals with adjudication, distribution and the approval of various water applications. Division two is the Water Resources Branch which deals with quality of water on all streams in the state of Utah and also includes a portion of the snow survey program.

Minutes of the last regular meeting were read by secretary, John Bene. Motion was made by Walter Borla that the minutes be accepted as read. Motion seconded by Joseph Kraync. Motion carried.

Frank Reese, auditor from the State Engineer's Office, gave a financial report for the year 1957 and discussed the various aspects of the report. After considerable discussion, motion was made by Walter Borla and seconded by Joseph Kraync that the financial report be accepted as read. Motion carried.

Harvey Thomas made a report on his activities as River Commissioner and read various figures from his 1957 water report. Secretary John Bene read the one application for the appointment of River Commissioner. Harvey Thomas submitted the only application for the position of River Commissioner. Chairman Waterman asked Mr. Thomas if he was satisfied with the salary paid for the year 1957. Mr. Thomas made no comment about salary, but remarked that he thought that the mileage allowance of 6¢ per mile was too low. The mileage allowance issue was discussed at length and the State Engineer commented that the State of Utah gave travel allowance

of 7¢ per mile and that a number of other irrigation companies gave an allowance of 8¢ per mile where the Commissioner traveled over dirt roads. Walter Borla made a motion that Mr. Thomas be paid at the rate of 8¢ per mile and that his maximum allowance be set at \$600.00 per year. Motion was seconded by William Marsing, and carried.

Next subject of discussion was the budget for 1958 which was set as follows:

1. River Commissioner's salary.....	\$2,000.00✓
2. Federal Social Security.....	45.00✓
3. River Comm. Annual Report, 1958.....	100.00✓
4. River Commissioner's travel expense...	600.00✓
5. Bond and insurance premiums.....	50.00✓
6. Water users' expense.....	500.00
7. Miscellaneous expense.....	<u>55.00</u>

TOTAL BUDGET	\$3,350.00
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Motion was made by William Marsing and seconded by Rex Mathis that the budget be approved. Motion carried. Irvin Gerber voted against setting up \$500.00 for the water users' expense account because he felt that it was not a good policy to build up a reserve fund which already had \$900.00 in it.

Motion was made by William Marsing and seconded by Rex Mathis that the assessment by the State Engineer's Office be made in the same way as in previous years. Motion carried.

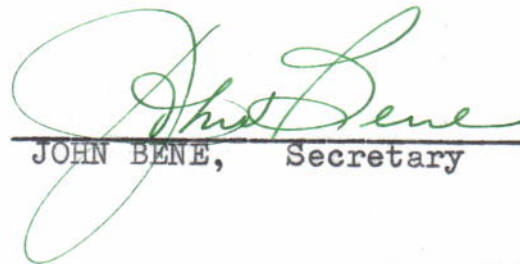
Motion was made by Walter Borla and seconded by Joseph Kraync that Harvey Thomas be recommended for appointed as Price River Water Commissioner for 1958. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Irvin Gerber and seconded by William Marsing that the operational year for the Price River Water Users be from January 1st to December 31st.

The State Engineer expressed his views on what he considered the duty of water. It was his opinion that the water required is different where soil and climatic conditions vary and that he did not believe in an overall, constant figure.

The State Engineer also discussed the reason why the State Engineer was deleting the State Engineer's expense item from the budget which was \$50.00. A discussion was carried on as to the interpretation of the efficiency of water used along a stream.

Having completed all of the official business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.


JOHN BENE, Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Wayne D. Criddle	State Engineer
Donald C. Norseth	State Engineer (Distribution Engr.)
Clifton Johnson	State Engineer
Frank Reese	State Engineer (Chief Accountant)
G. W. Waterman	Carbon Canal
John Bene	Engineer, Irrigation District
Joseph B. McKean	Columbia-Geneva Steel
Leon Pressett	Columbia-Geneva Steel
Mary Giacoletto	Bryner-Ploutz
Mrs. John Kokal	Bryner-Ploutz
Walter L. Borla	Bryner-Hansen
Joseph Kraync, Jr.	Bryner-Hansen
William Marsing	Carbon Canal
Albert Thayn	Wellington Canal
Irvin Gerber	Water Users Assn.
Lyle Bryner	Water Users Assn.
Ray Prettyman	Lower Gordon Creek
E. P. Jackson	Independent Coal & Coke
H. Z. Bacon	
Rex Mathis	Water Users Assn.